Title: Need to take necessary steps to make Empress Textile Mill at Nagpur viable - Laid.

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (NAGPUR) : Sir, in view of the no clear-cut policy of the Central Government, many textile mills in the country are being closed. Some of these mills in the country are in existence for many years. One such instance is that of the Empress Mill, Nagpur. This Mill was established in the private sector in Nagpur about 125 years back. It was subsequently nationalised in 1986. More than 3500 persons are working in this Mill. The Government is contemplating to close down this Mill which will render a large number of workers jobless. There should not be any difficulty in the revival of this Mill as it is in possession of a prime land in the heart of Nagpur city which is valued at about Rs.100 crores. This land can be disposed of and the money to be raised as a result thereof could easily be utilised for the revival of this age old Mill.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Minister of Textiles to take all possible measures in consultation with the State Government of Maharashtra by way of which this age old Mill is not wound up but allowed to function.